

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

a directory of preservation partners

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION AIMS TO make sure people can see, visit, work, or live in real historic places. America's National Historic Landmarks represent nationally important historical trends and events, people's everyday lives and significant accomplishments, and distinctive architectural and engineering designs. These buildings, landscapes, archeological sites, structures, objects, and districts impart information about America's past that helps us understand how we became the nation we are today.

This directory of preservation partners who work together to preserve National Historic Landmarks, was created under a 1998 Challenge Cost Share grant to the National Historic Landmarks Assistance Initiative of the National Park Service and the Mountain/Plains Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Partners include private and public organizations that are national, regional, state and/or local in scope. A chart illustrates those organizations and programs most relevant to the likely needs of National Historic Landmark owners and managers. This Directory is designed to efficiently guide Landmark owners and managers to assistance for their National Historic Landmark.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE at the local level

Generally, the closer to home you look, the more familiar with your Landmark and the programs that can assist your Landmark preservation professionals will be. Begin with your city or county government. Many localities have some sort of architectural design review entity to assist the preservation of historic resources. Sometimes your local government may employ a preservation planner, and in many instances, your community may have a comprehensive preservation program.

Design review is generally carried out by a board of professionals familiar with the historic character of historic properties in your area, such as a local historic district or a National Historic Landmark district. This board should be able to guide you in preserving the historic character of your National Historic Landmark. While National Historic Landmark status does not ensure financial assistance, National Historic Landmark status may lead to greater attention, which may lead to financial assistance.

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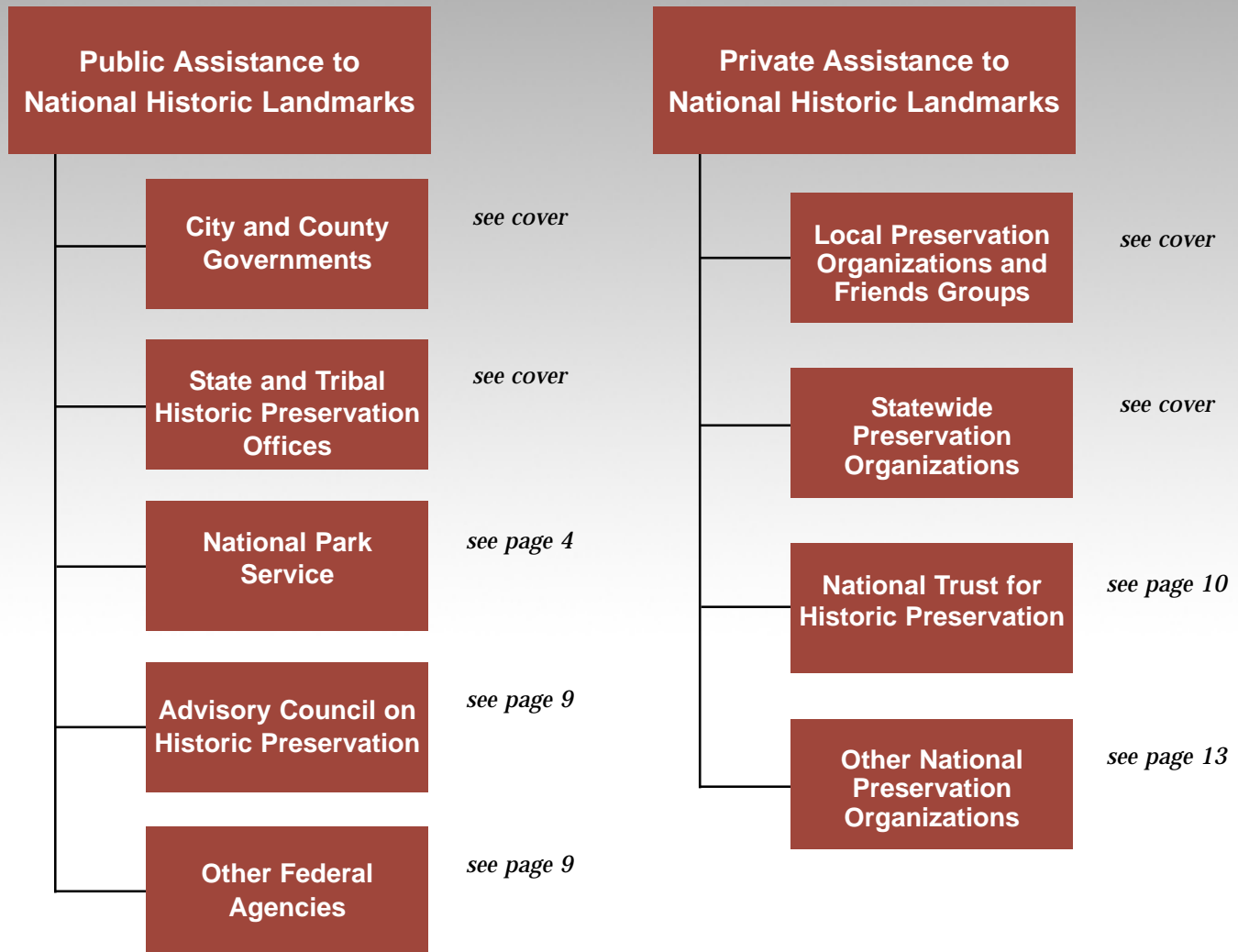
If your National Historic Landmark is located in a Heritage Area, Heritage Area staff may also be able to advise you on programs to assist you in guidance or financing. For more information, visit www.ncrc.nps.gov/heritage/.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is the next level of public assistance you should consider. These agencies carry out the national public preservation program within the states and tribal areas. SHPOs and THPOs will know their State and Tribal legislation, local sources of assistance, and regional as well as national sources of assistance. They provide assistance in designating National Historic Landmarks and are the initial point of contact for advice on using tax credits to help finance rehabilitation of certified historic properties. Addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for SHPOs and THPOs are available on the web from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation www.achp.gov and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers www.sso.org/ncshpo/shpolist.htm.

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The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving unimpaired the natural and cultural resources of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

The Service is also responsible for managing a great variety of national and international programs designed to help extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.



HPS
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The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable. It fights to save historic buildings and the neighborhoods and landscapes they anchor. Through education and advocacy, the National Trust is revitalizing communities across the country and challenges citizens to create sensible plans for the future. It has six regional offices, 20 historic sites, and works with thousands of local community groups nationwide.



across the nation

The National Park Service (NPS) administers the Federal preservation program, including the National Register of Historic Places, the National Historic Landmarks Program, and the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program. The Park Service produces guidelines for reattaining historic character and methods for maintaining authenticity. Publications and guidelines are available on the NPS cultural resources website, <www.cr.nps.gov>. The National Park Service has eight offices in cities throughout the US to assist you. For more information visit <www.cr.nps.gov/nhl>.

PRIVATE ASSISTANCE

local, statewide, and national

Local friends groups supporting a historic resource in your community, even if it is not designated as a National Historic Landmark, may have useful information about local preservation assistance.

Many states have statewide historic preservation organizations. These are non-profit groups that educate communities and local government about the value of historic preservation and can help stewards – owners and managers of National Historic Landmarks – advocate for these nationally significant resources.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) is a private, non-profit national organization promoting historic preservation. The National Trust works to save historic buildings, neighborhoods and landscapes and has a national center and regional offices that administer its programs. For more information about the programs of the National Trust, visit them online, <www.nthp.org>.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS A PROCESS OF STEPS DESIGNED TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR THE benefit of future generations. Research, survey and identification, registration, documentation and evaluation lead to preservation planning, to treating, using, and interpreting historic places, and to managing museum collections for education, exhibitions, and research. Each part of the National Park Service's Cultural Resource programs represents one or more of those steps toward the goal of preserving and protecting America's historic resources. In its Cultural Resource programs, the National Park Service focuses on working cooperatively with its partners and provides guidance and assistance in preserving the nation's cultural heritage. It serves national parks and partners including State and Tribal historic preservation offices, certified local governments and the public. The address for the National Park Service's Cultural Resource programs is: 1849 C Street, NW, Room NC 350, Washington, DC 20240. Visit the NPS cultural resource programs website <www.cr.nps.gov>. The following programs and publications are described at this website. Publications are available from the Government Printing Office or by calling 202.343.9583.

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AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Provides financial and technical assistance to preserve significant historic battlefield sites. 202.343.3941

BOUNDARY STUDY AND DOCUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The NPS is gradually updating its documentation and rectifying boundaries where needed on existing National Historic Landmarks. 202.343.9536

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Through this program, communities are approved to participate formally in the national historic preservation program. Certified Local Governments are eligible for 10% of a state's Historic Preservation grant funding. 202.343.9578

FEDERAL AGENCY PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Develops standards and guidelines and creates training opportunities for Federal cultural resource managers. 202.343.3941

FEDERAL HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS

The Federal Government grants Federal income tax credits for rehabilitating historic building for reuse. Staff in this program develop standards and guidelines to protect the historic character of buildings when they are maintained and adapted for new use and certify historic properties to receive Federal tax credits. 202.343.9578

FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM

Federal agencies must try to reuse their historic property, but if they cannot, then it may be surplus to states, localities or nonprofit organizations, and if they cannot use it, to for-profit entities. Protective preservation covenants are established before surplussing. 202.343.9578

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY/HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

A complete set of HABS/HAER documentation, consisting of drawings, photographs, and written history, can help reconstruct parts of a building authentically if disaster should strike. HABS/HAER documentation also helps create an archive of American architecture and engineering. HABS/HAER collections are archived at the Library of Congress, where they are made available to the public. 202.343.9618

HISTORIC LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE

Develops and disseminates standards and guidelines for the preservation of historic landscapes, which may be designed or vernacular. Publications are available on line <www2.cr.nps.gov> or by phone 202.343.3941.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

The Federal appropriation for the Historic Preservation Fund is distributed to States, Tribes, and local governments to provide assistance in carrying out numerous national program responsibilities. To find out what is available from each state, contact the Historic Preservation Offices. Contact information is available on the NCSHPO website. <www.sso.org/ncshpo>.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Federal agencies can hire interns from Historic Preservation programs to work for 10 weeks either during the summer or during the year through this program. 202.343.9578

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PUBLICATIONS

Technical publications on subjects ranging from compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to how to preserve historic windows are available. Please see the on-line catalog at <www2.cr.nps.gov> or phone 202.343.9583 to order.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Historic Preservation Fund provides direct grants for the preservation of historic buildings at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. 404.562.3171

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS SURVEY - DOCUMENTATION & NOMINATION

Conducts theme studies, which examine related places linked by a single subject or theme, through which National Historic Landmarks are nominated. The Survey prepares nominations, advises others on their preparation, and evaluates potential National Historic Landmark nominees for their ability to meet specific criteria. Stewards may call to request a copy of their property file. Bronze plaques are also distributed by the Landmark Survey. 202.343.8175

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE

Provides technical assistance to stewards of National Historic Landmarks through staff in the regional offices. (Please see regional contact information, page 7) This office coordinates policy, programs, and media/communications for the national program. 202.343.9587

PARK HISTORIC STRUCTURES & CULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM

Provides support for the development of policies, and prepares guidelines, standards, techniques, methods, and technical information for inventory documentation, planning, treatment, management, and use of historic and prehistoric structures and cultural landscapes, some of which are National Historic Landmarks, in the National Park System. 202.343.8146

NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE PROGRAM

Provides guidance and administers grants to floating vessels and lighthouses. 202.343.8175

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The National Register of Historic Places was established to acknowledge places evocative of our American past at the local, state and national levels. All National Historic Landmarks are also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Register provides extensive guidance on preparing and using nominations in planning.

NATIONAL REGISTER PUBLICATIONS: 202.343.9559 or 202.343.8012

PRESERVATION LEGISLATION DIRECTORIES

Through the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, the National Park Service provides a web database of historic preservation legislation searchable by state. This can be found at <www.ncsl.org/programs/arts/state-hist.htm>. You can search for proposed and enacted Federal legislation at the Library of Congress's legislative website, <thomas.loc.gov>.

TEACHING WITH HISTORIC PLACES

Shows teachers how to bring historic places into their classrooms through ready-to-use lesson plans, multifaceted education kits, and professional development materials and workshops. 202.343.9536

TRAINING DIRECTORY ON LINE

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training maintains current listings of jobs, conferences, training opportunities, legislation, and NPS publications on their website <www.ncptt.nps.gov>.

TRAVEL ITINERARIES

The National Register of Historic Places prepares travel itineraries to encourage people to visit historic places, including National Historic Landmarks. Each itinerary includes a map of a route based on a theme and geographic area, with pictures and descriptions of historic destinations. To view currently available travel itineraries, visit the National Register website <www.cr.nps.gov>. 202.343.9536

NATIONAL CENTER FOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) supports community-based conservation action. NPS can assist communities working to protect the resources they value, including open space, viewsheds, and rural landscapes. RTCA acts as a catalyst and facilitator to help communities achieve their goals. NPS involvement lends recognition and significance to local projects, which can help attract financial support. Programs are described on the next page. 1849 C Street, NW, Room 3606, Washington, DC 20240; visit the website <www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca> or phone 202.565.1200.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION continued

FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS

Properties which may have been dedicated as parks may be surplussed and turned over to state or local government or nonprofit entities. 202.565.1200

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Provides 50% matching grants to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public recreation and park facilities. Properties to be acquired are chosen by the states. For a contact list of state offices, please see the website <www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf/list.htm>. 202.343.1200

LONG DISTANCE TRAILS

Administers 15 of the National Trail System's 20 national scenic and historic trails. Several trails are themselves or cross other National Historic Landmarks. 202.343.1200

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Works with National Heritage Areas on partnership strategies for conserving cultural and natural resources. 202.343.1200

URBAN PARK AND RECREATION RECOVERY

Provides matching Federal grants to local governments for rehabilitation of recreation areas in cities and for innovative delivery of recreation services. 202.343.1200

RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

Helps local groups plan greenways, conserve rivers and watersheds and develop new trails through voluntary partnerships that emphasize local initiative involvement. 202.343.1200

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGIONAL AND SUPPORT OFFICES

ALASKA SUPPORT OFFICE

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